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	Savannah H. D. (Boundary Increase Property Name) Hardin County	TENNESSEE State	
	Multiple Name			
	Places in accordance with the attraction subject to the following exception notwithstanding the National Park in the nomination documentation.	ns, exclusions, or	amendments,	
fo	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Acti	.on	
	Amended Items in Nomination: This nomination is amended to show being added to the original distributions.		of the area	
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The Savannah Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 2, 1980. It consists of a residential area located in the western portion of the city which contains sixteen contributing buildings and eight noncontributing buildings. Most of the contributing resources date from circa 1869 to 1930. Five of the buildings are Queen Anne, two are Colonial Revival, one is a bungalow, one is Greek Revival, and the remainder have various stylistic influences of the late nineteenth/early twentieth century. The district was listed for its local significance in commerce, architecture, education, and politics/government.

The proposed additions to the district, 410 and 506 Main Street, are situated on either side of 504 Main Street. This property, the Ross House, was listed in the original nomination as 524 Main Street. The correct address is 504 Main Street. In addition, this house was constructed in 1908, not 1909 as stated in the nomination.

Architecturally, the proposed additions fit into the district. They were both in poor condition when the district was listed and may have been omitted for that reason.

506 Main Street - Ross and Ross Law Office

The office is a one story frame building with weatherboard siding and a metal shingle roof. The east side of the building was originally a medical office and was bought by E.W. Ross for his law office in 1910. A library was added to the rear of the building in the 1920s and the west side of the building was added in 1933, according to architect Hubert McGee. McGee was also the architect of the Ross House, the Welch-Nesbit House (304 Church Street), and the Irwin-Rinks House (Guinn Street), all in the district. The addition includes a large skylight in the entry hall with a paneled shaft from the roof to the ceiling. A steam heat system was also installed and it remains operable. The patterned metal shingles on the roof match the roof on the Ross House, while the gable on the west side has decorative patterned wood shingles typical of the Queen Anne style. Bay windows on the west are also typical of the Queen Anne style and they compliment the bays on the house at 410 Main Street. After the county courthouse burned in 1949, E.W. Ross purchased the wrought iron railing from the portico of the courthouses and placed it on the east side of the building where it remains. Except for redecorating, the building remains much the same as it was in 1933. A small addition was appended to the rear of the building in 1968, but it does not detract from the overall integrity of the building. (Contributing)

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A three car frame garage is situated at the rear of the building. The one story frame building was constructed circa 1940 and attached to the law offices when the addition was built in 1968. (Noncontributing. The period of significance for the district is assumed to be circa 1930, the fifty year date when the nomination was listed.)

Situated at the end of the driveway is a frame, one car garage constructed circa 1940. (Noncontributing)

This building has been continuous use as a law office since 1910 when Elijah W. Ross purchased the two corner rooms from Dr. G.C. Morris. Ross had recently completed his new residence next door. Ross began practicing law in Savannah in 1892 after graduation from Cumberland University Law School in Lebanon, Tennessee. A room was added to the rear of the building circa 1920 and it was used by E.W. Ross and his brother J. William Ross as their office until J. William was elected Chancellor and later appointed a Federal District Judge. E.W. Ross was then joined by his sons, E.W. Ross, Jr. and John J. Ross, when they graduated from law school in the 1930s. They both practiced law here until their deaths. John Ross, Jr., the present owner, has practiced law here since 1972.

410 Main Street - Hettie Hardin - E.W. Ross House

The Queen Anne influence residence is a two story weatherboarded house with a standing seam metal roof and three brick chimneys. It appears that it may have been an older residence that was modified by the addition of the bay windows in the late nineteenth century. The kitchen and rear porch also appear to be early additions, while bathrooms were added to the west side of the house in the 1930s. One of the bathrooms contains a clawfoot tub that was originally in the Ross House. (Contributing)

A corn crib is located on the property. Little information is known about it and it is not known when it was constructed. (Noncontributing)

The house was purchased by E.W. Ross from Hettie Hardin, the widow of Dr. R.A. Hardin, in 1905. She had purchased the property in 1890 from John Cavender, a Savannah grocer, and probably added the bay window and extended the rear of the house soon after she bought it. The Ross's used the house as a rental property after they constructed their new house at 504 Main Street. They moved the house a few yards west, to its present location, at that time. The house was renovated in 1990 for offices of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce. This was done without any architectural or structural changes. The Chamber has now moved out and the house is again rented for residential use.

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Savannah Historic District Extension
410 and 506 Main Street
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410 Main Street South facade, facing north #1 of 15

410 Main Street
West elevation, facing east
#2 of 15

410 Main Street North elevation, facing south #3 of 15

410 Main Street east elevation, facing west #4 of 15

506 Main Street South facade, facing north #5 of 15

506 Main Street
South facade and west elevation, facing northeast #6 of 15

506 Main Street North and west elevations, facing southeast #7 of 15

506 Main Street South facade and east elevation, facing northwest #8 of 15

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506 Main Street Detail of entrance #9 of 15

506 Main Street
North elevation, facing south
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506 Main Street
East elevation, facing west
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506 Main Street Streetscape facing northeast, looking outside of district #12 of 15

504 and 506 Main Street Overview facing north #13 of 15

504 and 410 Main Street Overview facing north #14 of 15

Garage at rear of 504 Main Street #15 of 15

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